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REMARKS

Claims 1-82 are currently pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Election/Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants confirm the election of claims 1-82 and withdraw claims 83-93 (group 2) and 94-107 (group 3).

In view of the abovementioned remarks, Applicants respectfully request favourable action for all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present patent application is now in condition for favourable action. Should the Examiner wish to further discuss the present response or patent application, the undersigned can be reached at (514) 345-7900 ext. 2596.

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